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### Committee on Labor and Public Employees Public Hearing Testimony

**Raised Senate Bill Number 63, AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES**

**February 25, 2010**

Good afternoon Chairmen Prague and Ryan, Ranking Members Guglielmo and Noujaim and members of the Labor Committee:

I am Representative Mike Alberts of Woodstock in Connecticut's 50<sup>th</sup> District.

I am here to testify in opposition to **Raised Senate Bill Number 63, AA Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees**. Should this bill become law Connecticut will be the first state in the nation to mandate paid sick leave for both part-time and full-time employees. At a time when business owners are struggling to remain in business and retain their present employees, I fear businesses both in my district and across the state will have to lay off staff if this bill were to become law.

Yesterday in my capacity as Ranking Member of the Commerce Committee I heard compelling testimony from business owners who believe that Connecticut legislators are woefully ignorant of the financial contribution that business owners make to the Connecticut economy. After all, without businesses, there would be no private sector jobs.

Let's send a message that Connecticut is open for business; please reject this bill.